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TAGS:PARM, UN, UR, US

SUBJECT:UNGA DISARMAMENT: HANDLING ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICA-
TION (ENMOD) ITEM

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1. AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY, REQUEST YOU CONVEY TO TIMERBAYEV, OR, IN HIS ABSENCE, OTHER APPROPRIATE MFA OFFICIAL, FOLLOWING VIEWS AND PROPOSALS ON HANDLING ENMOD ITEM AT 31ST UNGA.

2. WE AGREE ON GENERAL APPROACH INDICATED BY SOVDEL IN SEPT.17 CONSULTATIONS (PARA 3(E) REFTEL).MORE SPECIFICALLY, WE THINK US AND USSR SHOULD JOIN IN PROMOTING SUPPORT IN ASSEMBLY FOR RESOLUTION ENDORSING BROADEST POSSIBLE ADHERENCE TO DRAFT CONVENTION TRANSMITTED TO UNGA BY CCD IN ITS REPORT ON 1976 SESSION. (SUGGESTED TEXT OF SUCH A RESOLUTION IS SET OUT BELOW). WE BELIEVE THIRD COUNTRY WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE PRIMARY SPONSOR OF RESOLUTION ON ASSEMBLY FLOOR, AND SUGGEST THAT FINLAND WOULD BE GOOD CHOICE, BOTH AS NON-ALIGNED NON-CCD MEMBER AND IN LIGHT OF FINNISH UNGA DELEGATION'S EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE OF SIMILAR FUNCTION WITH RESPECT TO LAST YEAR'S ENMOD RES. ACCORDINGLY, AS SOON AS US AND USSR AGREE ON TEXT OF RES, WE PROPOSE JOINTLY APPROACHING FINNS, ASKING THEM TO COSPONSOR RES AND TO BE

PREPARED TO INTRODUCE IT FORMALLY IN UNGA AT APPROPRIATE JUNCTURE.

3. WE THINK WE SHOULD SEEK OTHER COSPONSORS FOR RES, AT LEAST INITIALLY, ON BASIS OF BALANCE AMONG EASTERN AND WESTERN ALLIES AND NON-ALIGNED. WE WOULD PROPOSE LINEUP OF 5 EAST (INCLUDING USSR), 5 WEST (INCLUDING US), AND 10 NON-ALIGNED, INCLUDING IN LATTER GROUP ONE OR MORE OTHER NON-CCD MEMBERS BESIDES FINLAND.

4. WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT A MAJOR FACTOR AFFECTING OUTCOME IN UNGA WILL BE NATURE AND EXTENT OF OPPOSITION TO CONVENTION ON PART OF SOME NON-ALIGNED, PRESUMABLY LED BY MEXICO. WE HAVE HAD ONE INDICATION THAT OPPONENTS MAY CONFINE THEMSELVES TO EFFORT TO PROMOTE LARGE-SCALE ABSTENTION ON ENDORSING RESOLUTION, BUT THEY COULD OF COURSE DECIDE TO GO FURTHER (E.G., MOVE TO AMEND ENDORSING RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATION IN CCD). WE SUGGEST THAT US AND SOVIET UNGA DELEGATIONS KEEP IN CONTINUING CLOSE TOUCH RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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GARDING THIS AND OTHER QUESTIONS (E.G., STATUS OF CO-SPONSORSHIP OF ENDORSING RES) AFFECTING WAY WE SHOULD DEAL WITH ENMOD ITEM IN FIRST COMMITTEE.

5. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO HAVE SOVIET CONCURRENCE IN ABOVE LINE OF APPROACH ON ENMOD, AND IF POSSIBLE ON EXACT TEXT OF DRAFT ENDORSING RES, WITHIN A WEEK. THIS WOULD ENABLE TIMELY CONSULTATION WITH OUR ALLIES, AND WITH CER-

TAIN KEY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, EARLY ENOUGH FOR THEM TO MAKE DECISIONS ON SUPPORT AND COSPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION WELL IN ADVANCE OF FIRST COMMITTEE DISARMAMENT DEBATE, AND TEND TO REDUCE FIELD FOR MANEUVERING BY OPPONENTS OF CONVENTION. THEREFORE WE WOULD HOPE TO HEAR FROM TIMERBAYEV AND/OR COLLEAGUES BY WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29.

6. TEXT OF PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION ENDOJSING CONVENTION FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 3264 (XXIX) AND 3475 (XXX),
NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT HAS COMPLETED AND TRANSMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN THE REPORT OF ITS 1976 SESSION, THE TEXT OF A DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES,
CONVINCED THAT ADHERENCE TO THE CONVENTION BY STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WILL EFFECTIVELY AVERT THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF

SUCH TECHNIQUES,

1. COMMENDS THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES, THE TEXT OF WHICH IS ANNEXED TO THIS RESOLUTION;
 2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, AS DEPOSITARY OF THE CONVENTION, TO OPEN IT FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE;
 3. EXPRESSES ITS HOPE FOR THE WIDEST POSSIBLE ADHERENCE TO THE CONVENTION."
- END TEXT ROBINSON

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